

# Theological Discussions can be a Big Waste of Time

We need to be discerning of what discussions and arguments we get into. Frank Viola notes concerning FaceBook for instance<sup>1</sup>:

*“For the last seven years in observing these groups, I’ve lost count of the knock-down, drag-out, WWE<sup>2</sup>-styled smackdowns over biblical topics I’ve seen.*

*The people go back and forth, some ending up being so infuriated that they end up blocking their debating opponents.*

*In addition, some of the befuddled contentious souls are routinely banned from these groups.*

*(Oh, these are all “Christians” groups mind you, Ahem...)*

*Not once during these blood-lettings have I ever seen anyone change their minds.*

*Lots of wasted time and energy is burned up in these threads. And for that reason, people leave them constantly.”<sup>3</sup>*

From his observation, a person is wasting their time using social media to change people’s minds.

*“The vast majority of people already have their minds made up on a given issue and viewpoint. Facebook is merely a place they use to reinforce that viewpoint and anything challenging them is viciously attacked.”<sup>4</sup>*

When using social media refrain from getting into arguments and discern at all times when a line of discussion should terminate.

*“Facebook isn’t the place to change people’s minds...But in terms of real impact and changing people’s minds, there are far more effective ways of doing both.”<sup>5</sup>*

Always keep in mind Jesus’ words: “Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.” (Matthew 7:6 NKJV)

*Read the full article.*

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1 – Frank Viola “Stop Wasting Time Doing This” blog item 25-6-2015 ([frankviola.org/2015/06/25/facebookgroups](http://frankviola.org/2015/06/25/facebookgroups))

2 – WWE = World Wrestling Entertainment

3 – [frankviola.org/2015/06/25/facebookgroups](http://frankviola.org/2015/06/25/facebookgroups)

4 – [frankviola.org/2015/06/25/facebookgroups](http://frankviola.org/2015/06/25/facebookgroups)

5 – [frankviola.org/2015/06/25/facebookgroups](http://frankviola.org/2015/06/25/facebookgroups)